DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On March 12, 2020, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA

70001.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on March 12, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman presiding.

**ROLL CALL** 

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Absent
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Absent

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that the board convene in executive session to discuss report on litigation; and consideration of report of hearing officer related to cases before the board for disciplinary action against licensees and/or applicants for licensure.

SECOND: Gibbs

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen,

Prince NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at

2:01 p.m.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Christopher Mallett moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen,

Prince NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at

2:54 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

John Becknell gave the board an update regarding the legislative session. Mr. Becknell reported on HB 91, HB 498, HB 579, HB

613, HB 622, and HB 702.

No action was needed or taken on these matters.

**RECESS** 

The meeting recessed at approximately 3:16 p.m.

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On March 13, 2020, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, 70002.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on March 13, 2020, at <u>10:00</u> <u>a.m.</u>, with Myra Collins, Chairwoman presiding.

**ROLL CALL** 

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Absent
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Present

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

**WELCOME** 

Janie Cypret welcomed the audience.

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 2019 BOARD MEETING

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the minutes of the board meeting of November 7 and 8, 2019, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

MOTIONS RELATED TO DISCIPLINE

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Amanda Bray)
License # 20100229, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be suspended with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, the respondent's license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Jennifer Edwards), License # 20120469, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Coy Gray), License # 20190114, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Charisse Lewis)
License #20111011, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license remain suspended until she complies with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, the respondent's license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Amanda Loftin) License # 20130004, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license remain suspended for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, the respondent's license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Monica Malbrough) social security number ending with 4167, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Bobby Nichols)

License #990176, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Celetia Pinkney)
License #240728, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Everline Roberts) License #860221, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Mallett

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Shirley Savage)
License #870461, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license shall remain suspended until she complies with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, the respondent's license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Mallett

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Karen Shirey)

License #20100755, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Mallett

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that in the case of (Tunya Taylor) <u>License #20112386</u>, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a Letter of Reprimand with the stipulations as written in the board order.

**SECOND: Prince** 

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Amy Williams), social security number ending with <u>0598</u> the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN after complying with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

License #230881	Rhonda Adams
License #290784	Jessica Arabie
License #850368	Gracie Blackburn
License #210057	Gwendolyn Breaux
License #280516	Akesha Brown
License #951058	Tammy Brownfield
License #20140107	Donna Bruce
License #250897	Frances Calkins
License #960218	Ruby Campbell
License #20100930	Andrea Clements

License #262487	Yulando Coring
License #20120448	Tashana Culver
License #200103	Mary Davis
License #280962	Genevieve Easterling
S.S. # ending with 0993	Ueshia Evans
License #980059	Lillian Exley
License #20102432	Donna Furlow
License #240028	Sabrina Harrison
License #730707	Era Hawkins
S.S. # ending with 1123	Earlicia Higgins
License #20190298	Melaine Hills
License #20110824	Bayli Istre
License #270817	Carlisa Joseph
License #20140187	Chelsi Keller
License #220267	Shandra McCray
License #20140563	Coreyione Mitchell
License #261039	Lashon Moton
S.S. ending with #5532	Terika Owens
License #982462	Shirley Paul
License #951283	Toni Phillips
License #240728	Celetia Pinkney
License #940038	Cynthia Preatto
License #20170765	Njeri Reed
License #270388	Judy Russell
License #280362	Leane Sanderson
License #230758	Karen Scioneaux
License #291242	Felicia Singleton
License #291258	Marrellaca Stewart
License #930948	Deborah Vidos
License #20180693	Krystal Vowles
S.S. # ending with 0784	Tiffany Walker
<b>License #270173</b>	Suzanne Wallace
<b>License #260579</b>	Natasha White
<b>License #990144</b>	Shaterica Whitfield

SECOND: Prince

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

REPORT OF THE
ASSOCIATE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

SUMMARY REPORTS

Denise Klein presented the summary report from the compliance department of new reports received and action taken from 10/1/2019 - 2/14/2020. No action was needed or taken on these matters.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE Lynn Ansardi, ex-officio member, presented the minutes of the last advisory committee meeting which was held on December 6, 2019. No action was needed or taken.

**RECOMMENDATIONS** 

The advisory committee brought forth the following recommendations to the board:

1. Amending LAC §937.A. to read:

#### A. Regular admission shall:

- 1. meet all admission requirements as set by the board, faculty, and administration;
- 2. not be currently serving under any court imposed order of supervised probation, work-release, school release or parole in conjunction with any felony conviction(s), plea agreement or any agreement pursuant to the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 893;
- 3. provide certification of high school graduation or satisfactory completion of the State Department of Education equivalency examination;
- 4. provide health certification from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant;
- 5. submit fingerprints for state and federal background checks;
- 6. omit
- 7. provide certified copy of birth certificate or possess a valid United States passport.

<u>Dr. Suleman</u> moved to accept the recommendation brought forth by the advisory committee chair regarding amending LAC §937.

SECOND: Gibbs

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

2. Prohibit licensed practical nurses from receiving direction from a licensed midwife.

The advisory committee recommends that the current law regarding licensed practical nurses being prohibited from receiving direction from a licensed midwife remain as is.

No action was needed or taken.

### REPORT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAMS STATUS

Christina Costanza presented a summary status of all practical nursing programs, reporting on current cohorts, enrollment numbers, graduating classes, and the number of students that have successfully completed the program from each campus. As of March 11, 2020, there are currently 45 schools with 85 ongoing classes and 1993 enrolled students.

No action was needed or taken.

PROGRAM EXPANSION

Christina Costanza reported that Delgado Community College – Jefferson campus is requesting an evening program, partnering with Ochsner. Students admitted to this class will have prior education/training and work experience as medical assistants employed by Ochsner.

<u>Dr. Suleman</u> moved to approve Delgado Community College – Jefferson campus' request for expansion to include an evening program.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

PROGRAM(S) ON PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:

- 1. Gulf Area campus, SLCC, Abbeville, LA STATUS: Current class, expected to graduate in May of 2020, may not graduate until all curriculum requirements are meet, including; IV therapy skills checkoff and clinical hours.
- 2. Shreveport campus, NLTCC, Shreveport, LA STATUS: Currently on Provisional Accreditation; has four consecutive graduation classes with failure rates higher than 20%.
  - July 2018 graduates of the Jan 2017 AM cohort yielded a 33.3% failure rate.
  - July 2018 graduates of the May 2017 AM cohort yielded a 33.3% failure rate.
  - May 2019 graduates of the Aug 2017 AM cohort yielded a 29.41% failure rate.
  - July 2019 graduates of the January 2018 AM cohort yielded a 28.57% failure rate.

Board staff hopes that a consent agreement will be agreed upon with Shreveport campus, NLTCC, to present at the next board meeting.

No action was needed or taken.

Earl Meador, Chancellor of Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, was present and available to give public comment concerning the corrective action that Shreveport campus, NLTCC, is taking towards increasing their pass rate for the next graduating class.

NEW PROGRAM REQUEST(S)

1. Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, LA (phase I pending)

Janie Cypret moved that the Phase I request to start a new practical nursing program at Bossier Parish Community College, be approved and the program be permitted to proceed to Phase II. Once Phase II meets staff satisfaction, the program will be allowed to admit the first class of students and will be placed on initial accreditation effective on the date of enrollment of the first cohort.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

2. Advance Nursing Training, LLC, New Orleans, LA (phase II pending)

Janie Cypret moved that when Phase II is submitted and meets staff satisfaction, Advance Nursing Training, LLC, be approved to begin admitting students. The program will be granted initial approval, effective on the date of enrollment of the first cohort.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

PROGRAM(S) CITED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULES

At the time of the printing of the book of reports, the following programs had been cited for non-compliance with board rules:

- 1. Baton Rouge Community College, BRCC (failure to submit requested information)
- 2. LDCC Bastrop campus (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 3. SLCC C.B. Coreil campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 4. Delta College Covington campus (failure to submit requested information)

- 5. Delta College Baton Rouge campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 6. Delta College Slidell campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 7. SLCC Gulf Area campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 8. CLTCC Lamar Salter campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 9. STCC Oakdale campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 10. NLTCC Shreveport campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 11. LSU Shreveport campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 12. NTCC Sullivan campus (failure to submit requested information)
- 13. SLCC T.H. Harris campus (failure to submit requested information)

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BUDGET FY 2020** 

Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2020 as of 12/31/2019.

No action was needed or taken.

### DATA OF ACTIVE LPNS BY PARISH

Lynn Ansardi presented data showing the total number of active LPNs by parish for the end of the 2020 renewal season as of 03/11/2020.

No action was needed or taken.

#### NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

Lynn Ansardi reported that Louisiana has adopted the compact as of July 2019. We have 32 states that are currently in the compact and expect an additional 15 states to join by the end of this year, pending legislation.

No action was needed or taken on this matter.

CORONAVIRUS POLICY (COVID-19)

Lynn Ansardi reported that Governor Edwards developed a task force made up of Department of Health, Homeland Security, Division of Administration, Department of Education, and National Guard. The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners received some concerns from practical nursing schools regarding the educational component, and how to proceed with clinical and didactic training during this time. The board will be monitoring COVID-19 closely as the situation is fluid and changing on a day to day basis. The board will handle each school on an individual case-by-case basis as COVID-19 impacts the schools and facilities in their area and surrounding communities.

APPROVAL OF DELEGATES TO ATTEND NCSBN

<u>Janie Cypret</u> moved that the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners approve board staff and any interested board members to attend the NCSBN annual meeting.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS Lynn Ansardi presented and discussed required information needed and deadlines for turning in Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (Tier 2.1) with all board members.

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that all board members received a copy and were presented with the required information needed and deadlines for turning in Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (Tier 2.1).

**SECOND: Prince** 

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

CIVIL SERVICE ETHICS AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING

Lynn Ansardi reported to all board members that the civil service training concerning ethics and sexual harassment must be completed every calendar year.

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of civil service training concerning ethics and sexual harassment.

**SECOND: Prince** 

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Lynn Ansardi presented the driver authorization form and the required civil service defensive driving training requirements to all board members.

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of the defensive driving course.

**SECOND: Prince** 

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

CHRISTOPHER
MALLETT
APPOINTED TO
CGFNS
INTERNATIONAL
LICENSED
PRACTICAL NURSE
STANDARDS
COMMITTEE

Myra Collins, recognized board member Christopher Mallett for being appointed to a two-year term for CGFNS International Licensed Practical Nurse Standards Committee.

No action was needed or taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that required discussion.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES** 

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting are July 30 and 31, 2020. Board staff has secured the

Jefferson Parish East Bank Library for July 31, 2020.

No action was needed or taken on this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

There was no new business that required discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christy Marceaux, from NTCC, and Dr. Wendi Palmero. from LCTCS, came to discuss with the board the need for expansion, increased allowance of simulation hours, and

online learning during the COVID-19 crisis.

Dr. Cheryl Myers and Dr. Linda Green, with Delgado Community College, were present and available for comment regarding Delgado's request for a program expansion to include an evening program at the Jefferson campus.

MOTION TO **ADJOURN** 

Christopher Mallett moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman